(c) what are the details of plans prepared by Government to meet the demand of crude in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) There is a Trade Plan provision for import of 4.5 million tonnes of crude oil and 2.85 million tonnes of petroleum products from USSR for the year 1989. A contract covering the above quantities in full has been signed between IOC and the Soviet agency. Our request to USSR for supplying additional crude over and above the trade plan provision has not met with a positive response.

(c) A quantity of 17.96 million tonnes of crude oil is estimated to be imported from different sources during the current financial year to meet the demand of crude oil in the country.

Extension/change in the route of HBJ pipeline

1479. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for further extension or change in the route of the HBJ Pipeline;

(b) if so, what are the details of the plans in this regard; and

(c) what are the reasons for such a change?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) to (c) The HBJ Pipeline has been extended upto Delhi for supply of natural gas to DESU for power generation. Further extension of the pipeline can be considered in future on the basis of additional availability and other factors.

Intended use of HBJ Pipeline Gas

1480. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the intended use of gas on the extension of HBJ pipeline to Delhi and some places in Punjab; and

(b) on what basis Gujarat has been denied to use the gas from HBJ pipeline for domestic use or for generation of electricity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The HBJ Pipeline has been extended upto Delhi for supplying natural gas to DESU for power generation. There is no proposal at present for extension of the HBJ Pipeline to Punjab.

(b) Gas from the HBJ Pipeline is being supplied to IPCL at Baroda. Gas from other sources has been committed for various purposes including power projects and domestic use in Gujarat State.

Linking of Saurashtra coast with Bombay High

1481. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated cost of laying down of pipeline from Bombay High to some convenient point on Saurashtra Coast; and

(b) what is the estimated cost of linking such a point on Saurashtra Coast by HBJ Pipeline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) There is no proposal now under Government's consideration for linking Bombay High fields with any point in Saurashtra Coast. The Bombay High fields have, however, been linked to Hazira, from where the gas can be further transported along the HBJ Pipeline.